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F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs, and Vice-Chairman of the Bureau of National Loans,
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CHINA IN CONVULSIONS.

THE POSITION OF YUAN SHI-KAI.

(By Sir P. T. Figgott)

I shall now endeavour to justify my belief that China will not revert to a Monarchy, at least so long as Yuan Shi-kai has a controlling influence in the affairs of the country.

If I were compelled to summarise Yuan's character in one sentence I should describe him as a strong man who is almost painfully conscious of his weakness at certain points. He certainly is not modest, and his rejection of the purple robe must not be put down to modesty. On the contrary, he has a firm belief in Yuan Shi-kai as the one man who is capable of bringing China through her difficulties, and he is resolute to act when he feels the necessity of "emphasising this by action." Judging him by these actions, I believe him to be thoroughly imbued with the constitutional doctrine that, as Head of the State, he is bound to act in defence of the State as the emergency demands, though every constitutional principle has to be set at naught; certainly no man in such a position has been compelled to act on it so often in so short a time.

THE WAGON-LITE HOTEL TRAGEDY.
I am concerned not only with the charge which has so frequently been made against him, that he aims at becoming Dictator, or something higher—Emperor. There is always this undercurrent of suggestion in the criticism of all his actions; I shall content myself with referring to those occasions when criticism flamed up into a very transitory indignation.

The first was, at the time, familiarly known as "The Tragedy of the Wagon-Lite Hotel." A certain distinguished General was the guest of some officers at dinner at this well-known hotel. The evening had passed off merrily; the General was escorted with all ceremony to his carriage. As he passed, through the gate in the city wall, the carriage was stopped, he was taken out, put under arrest, and shot at dawn. Consternation spread through the city. Yuan was clearly usurping the dictatorship; the law had been set at naught; all men's lives were in jeopardy. It was certainly a Chinese way of doing things, but the thing done was the execution of a man known by the authorities to be fomenting rebellions.

The second was equally strong-handed, though less violent in method. The drafting of the Constitution had been entrusted to a Committee of the First House of Representatives. All honour had been done to them, and the Temple of Heaven was set apart for their deliberations. The Committee, of forty, if I remember rightly, was chosen by the House itself, and all parties were represented on it. Rather, unusually, as it seemed to many of us, the President had declined to nominate any members to serve on the Committee; and when, after the nature of their proposals became known, he sent delegates to point out the errors into which the Committee had fallen, they were politely but firmly refused admission. The draft, agreed to unanimously, was in fact a mere olla podrida of all sorts of conflicting principles, confused in statement, and often incomprehensible. One thing alone was clear, that it aimed at the curtailment of the Presidential powers.

THE CORP D'ETAT.
Yuan Shi-kai promptly refused to have anything to do with it, nominated another Committee, and laid down what he conceived to be the fundamental principles of Presidential Government, which he would alone accept. In fact, he behaved in the most unbecoming manner, and the walls of Peking resounded with denunciations. Yuan had showed himself in his true colours at last; here was the proof of what had always been said, that he was aiming at a dictatorship—or something higher. And yet, all the poor President had done was to lay down a few elementary propositions, which a year-old law student would have advised as essential to the good government of the Republic.

And then came out of the clear blue sky one fine morning the coup d'etat, the famous Three Decrees, by which the political party known as the Kuomintang was outlawed, and its members, and the members of its family, were banished from the country. Another such a coup d'etat would have been heard before even in Peking. "Unconstitutional!"

of course it was, as every coup d'etat is from the nature of the thing. But a coup d'etat becomes constitutional if it falls within the "principles of self-defence" as applied to the State. It is justified by necessity; and this was more than justified, in all men thought, when it came to be known that the Kuomintang, so far from being the political party it pretended to be, was a rebel organization, with roots far-reaching into every province, with its members sitting, and openly plotting, in both Houses of Parliament.

A MANICED RESTORATION.

Not even Yuan knew how deeply rooted the organization was, nor did he foresee that by his action, Parliament would be so reduced in numbers as to make its sittings impossible. But again the cry was raised. Yuan, as has always been said, was aiming at a dictatorship—or something higher. Yet what he had done was necessary, for it had saved China from perdition. Remembering these things, and many others, I am tempted with some confidence to say that nothing is further from the President's thoughts than to "assume the purple."

With equal confidence I venture still further: that the people will not thrust this honour on him; and if by any chance they or any considerable section of them, were to do so, that Yuan Shi-kai will not accept it. It seems to follow that, if the Chinese people should once more demand for themselves a King, it will be one of the Manchurian dynasty, or some remote descendant from the old Chinese Emperors; it will certainly not be Yuan Shi-kai. Evening Standard.

THE NEXT VICEROY.

Renowned Conservative Claims To Office.

Discher, in Calcutta Capital of September 24, referring to the probable successor of Lord Hardinge, says:— "Conservatives in the Coalition Ministry are reported to be demanding an Indian Viceroyalty as a part of the price of their adhesion and service. It is also reported that Lord Curzon, who continues to take a strong personal interest in the Government of India, is the dispenser of patronage in this particular matter. They say that his favourite is Lord Crawford, the Premier, Earl of Scotland, who as Lord Balcarres acted as Conservative Whip to Mr. Balfour's last Government. I give the report for what it is worth, but express the hope that it is not true.

The appointment of an active Conservative politician to succeed Lord Hardinge would be regrettable at the juncture. However able and conscientious, he would still be regarded by Indian politicians as a reactionary. The appointment of Mr. Austen Chamberlain to the India Office was not received with favour by educated India. To send a Conservative party man to Simla while he rules the roost at Whitehall would be to increase Indian discontent, and deepen Indian suspicion that a return to the methods of the Curzonian regime was intended. I am not concerned to discuss the grounds for such suspicion or the logic of such discontent. It is undeniable that Lord Crawford's appointment would create a situation that could hardly be good for India at the present crisis, for after all the educated Indian gallery counts for much and is counting for more every day. I am not so sure that the whole of Anglo-Indian opinion would be pleased to find the Indian Viceroyalty made a mere party spoil and surrendered to the party which holds a pistol at the head of the Liberal Prime Minister.

"I HATE THOSE GERMANS."

Talk With the Empress-Dowager of Russia.

The Stampa of Turin gives an interesting account of a conversation which the president of a Polish Red Cross Society has had with the Empress-Dowager of Russia.

"I told the Empress-Dowager of the address of the Polish population who were now under the German yoke, and the hope of all the population of Warsaw soon to see the victorious armies of the Czar occupy this portion of the Russian Empire. As I spoke the hands of the Empress Mother trembled, and the august lady, who was clothed entirely in black, gave way to frequent nervous gestures.

When I had finished speaking Marie Fedorovna said, 'Oh, how I hate those Germans! I am a Dane, and from the day they took Schleswig-Holstein I have hated them. And for fifty years I had to wear a mask at the Court.'

Russia has been so confident to all those Prussian emigrants to whom the

Empire accorded favours and high position. A German, even though he be shown every kindness, remains always a German. I often said so when the Czar Alexander was alive, but he would not believe me. One man only forbore this terrible German aggression—it was the late King Edward VII., who was a great monarch. Do you know that when I was taken by surprise by the outbreak of the war, as I was crossing Germany, the Berlin people made a specially hostile manifestation when my train passed by, calling out, 'Russian pigs!' They are a brutish people."

Here are the impressions of the same lady about the Czarina, says the Paris correspondent of the "Daily News." The Empress's look is far-away, profound, sad, and mystical. It is some time before she speaks. She expresses herself in French, with a strong English accent. She says:— "You come from Warsaw—Warsaw, which is now German, from Diest! What a war! What a deluge of blood! That is all. The audience is finished. A lady-in-waiting gives me a sign, and as I leave I notice that the eyes of the Czarina are full of tears."

WHAT ADMIRAL STURDEE SAID

An Echo of the Falklands Battle.

M. Pichon, in a second article in the Petit Journal, gives details of his visit to the Lion and Tiger, which sank three German cruisers and two torpedo boats. He states that in spite of the German communications these ships are in excellent condition.

M. Pichon was present at manoeuvre exercises revealing the marvellous power of the armament and readiness of the crews. He states that he had an interview with Admiral Jellie, whom he calls a man of iron, whose will is unquenchable. He also mentions a conversation with Admiral Sturdee, who destroyed the German squadron in the Pacific, and who said that Admiral von Spee fought well and was a brave man, "but he could not stay there."

The Queen Elizabeth and the Ilex have returned from the Danianell. M. Pichon declines to name the date of the visit, which constitutes, he says, a formidable and unquenchable force. All the British sailors hope that the presence which keeps the German Fleet at Kiel may not be indefinitely prolonged. On the day on which the German Fleet leaves Kiel the British Navy will make the Kaiser regret the renunciation of inactivity.

MCSLEMS'S MESSAGE.

Quaint Letter From Nigeria.

"EAT UP INS E ENIES"

A quaint and picturesque letter from the Shehu of Bornu, sending his congratulations to the Governor-General of Nigeria on the capture by the British of Garua and offering £1,000 towards the expenses of the war, was issued by the Press Bureau. It runs as follows:—

In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

Praise be to God.

Peace be to his Prophet.

This letter is sent by the Shehu of Bornu, son of the Shehu Umar, son of the Shehu Muhammad, Lamina Kasumi.

I, Shehu of Bornu, established by the authority of the King of England, write to our well-wisher, the representative of the King of England, Governor-General, Salutations, blessing, and greatness be with you.

We have received the news that God has given victory to the King of England in the capture of the German stronghold. When we heard of the fall of Garua, our hearts were filled with joy.

We rejoiced greatly, and all our people, by reason of the victory. Times were spent in public rejoicing, and sports in the Dandal (the great square in the Bornu capital).

When our rejoicings were finished, I called my council together. We took counsel together. We said that the sum of £3,000 which we contributed to the war chest in the month of Zulkadad was not enough. I and my council were agreed upon this. We said that we ought to strengthen our Lord the King of England, in order that he might eat up his enemies. The Wazir, the Laman Amami, said to me:—

"Oh, Shehu, although you have sent many cattle and sheep and fowl to the soldiers at Mow, behold this is not enough."

Our treasurer, Mallam Muktar, said to us:— "There is no lack of money in the native treasury. The taxes will be paid shortly."

For this reason I and my councilors decided to offer a contribution of £1,000 in thanksgiving for the victory.

We pray to God every day that he will continue to give victory to the King of England in all parts of the world. May Almighty God give him victory and long life.

You, Governor Lugard, whose before us, may God long see your days.

Salutations.
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THE DIARY.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Association of Teakwood and Blackwood Furniture at Messrs. Hughes and Hough.
5 p.m.—Performance by the "Merrie Mammies" at Government House.
8.15 p.m.—Hongkong Club Extraordinary Meeting of Members.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Oct. 30.—
Noon.—Hongkong Jockey Club half-yearly Meeting.
Noon.—Roberts Riddle Club Meeting in Chamber of Commerce Room.
2 p.m.—Ministering Children's League Bazaar in Government House Grounds.
8.30 p.m.—Performance by the "Merrie Mammies" at Government House.
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 3.—
2.15 p.m.—Licensing Board Meeting in Civil Service Building.

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have been justified in disputes between capital and labour, because it was never certain whether the greater amount of selfishness was shown by the employer or by the worker. To-day, however, it has been established, even by the politicians most sympathetic to labour, that in the great majority of cases employers have placed themselves unreservedly in the hands of the Government, while the workers in some instances have shown a selfishness which stands in sharp contrast to the self-sacrifice displayed by their fellows in the trenches.

In some districts, we learn, there is certainly an improvement in the attitude of workers, but in others there is little change from the worst conditions prevailing in the halcyon days of prosperity. In several sections of the country there is still too much avoidable idle time, too much distrust of employers (misplaced because the Government have severely and firmly limited profits), continued inclination to secure the monetary advantage of abnormal conditions by forcing increased wages, and a still growing looseness under the disciplinary measures imposed by the Munitions Act. The provisions of that Act are reasonable; if they are, it is in the present welfare and future interests of the workers. But the chief source of trouble lies in the men having been "spoiled." The remedy to-day is firm guidance back to the right path.

The teaching and legislative and administrative encouragement of the doctrine of selfishness must end; an antidote must be administered. As we have said, a most effective weapon has been placed in the hands of the Government in the "roll-call." By its means each individual can be compelled to play his part, however great or small it may be, in the duty imposed collectively upon the nation. The "roll" may be called, but it is necessary that the call to attention in the ranks both of fighters and workers must be the word of command.

VOLUNTARIANISM VERSUS COMPELSION IN ENGLAND.

The Home papers to hand, and indeed, many recent telegrams received through Reuters Agency, indicate that the controversy regarding the relative merits and demerits of Voluntaryism and Compulsion continues with unabated zest. The voluntary system, we learn, has penalised the nation, because we have sent out to the Front all willing to give their services; but included in these are a great number of the best of our young men, measured by physical or mental standards, and many of them could certainly have been better utilised than by sending them to the Front. As we have time and again pointed out, the future of the nation must be safeguarded while ensuring the success of the war, and that in respect alike of succeeding generations and of our place in science, art, and industry. The loss of the fittest, physically and mentally, is a great blunder, and this is one of the grave objections to the continuance of the voluntary system. The voluntary system is, by reason of his willingness to serve, a better national asset for all time than those shirkers who are awaiting developments. The former, if he is not a potential brain-worker for the future, is certain to be a commendable citizen, and has those qualities of decision and self-sacrificing patriotism which we desire to have reproduced in our progeny. It is financially disastrous, too, that so many middle-aged married men should be allowed to join the forces, as their loss involves not only the forfeiture of the industrial output of experienced men possessing the right spirit, but throws upon the nation the cost of supporting their dependants. If men of military age, physically fit and single, fail to realise their duty, as measured by British tradition and as dictated by British destiny, then they must be aroused by the strongest means to a better conception of that duty.

This arousing will in some measure be an antidote to that encouragement of selfishness which has been the principal work of political thought and action in the recent past, and has produced also that continuous irritation which has given rise to friction and great difficulties in all industries. The time was when sympathy might

TYPHOON WARNING.

The following telegram was received at the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 3 p.m., Oct. 28.
Cyclone or typhoon E. of northern Luzon; less than 300 miles distant, moving west.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. Louisa, of St. George's House, Kennedy Road, reports the theft of \$450 from a cash-box in her room.

A Chinese who attempted to escape arrest for having by offering a bribe of 90 cents was fined \$25 or a month's hard labour by Mr. Hazland at the Police Court to-day.

Major General Ventris' horse fell over a cliff a distance of fourteen feet at Scandal Point on Tuesday night. It became wedged in the rocks, but was extricated without any serious injury.

Mr. R. C. Barlow, formerly of Queen's College and Headmaster of Victoria School, has been granted a temporary commission in the 9th special Reserve. He was a sergeant with the local Corps before going home in June last.

In connection with the local celebrations on the occasion of the Mikado's Coronation the Steam Ferry Co. will run extra ferries at 2.45 and 1 a.m. from Hongkong on the nights of the 10th and 11th proximo for the benefit of Kowloon residents.

The master of the licensed cargo boat 1840 V reports that while alongside the "Bombay Maru" yesterday, the Government dredger "St. Enoch" collided with the junk causing it to become water-logged. No persons were drowned. The damage to the junk, which had a cargo of sundries, is unknown.

We wish to draw attention to the advertisement on page 5 of the "Hoopla" Stall, which will be a feature of the Ministering Children's League Bazaar to be held in the grounds of Government House on Saturday. The stall will be in charge of Miss Wilkinson.

Another feature of the bazaar will be Mrs. Grant Smith's Fairy Stall, where from a fairy cake little fairies and boy scouts will sell a children's fairy story.

M. Gilbert, the aviator who recently escaped from internment in Switzerland, had the singular experience four years ago of fighting an eagle in mid-air. When flying from Paris to Madrid in May, 1911, he had to pass some high mountains near San Sebastian, and suddenly a huge eagle, saw and furiously attacked the pilot. Fortunately M. Gilbert carried a revolver, and after a shot or two managed to drive his assailant away.

Mrs. Ivan Grant-Smith informs us that she has received news from London that the last of the copies sent Home of "A Scout in Fairyland" has been sold, and that 25 has been handed into the Prince of Wales' Fund in London. From South Africa, where she sent 3 copies, she has received a cheque for \$25. This makes a total paid in, of various instalments, of \$431.

A second story of "A Scout in Fairyland" (printed and published by the China Mail Ltd.) for the Prince of Wales' Fund called "John in Hongkong," illustrated by local woodcuts, and with a cover by Mrs. Grant-Smith, will be sold at the Ministering Children's League Bazaar on Saturday next, for the same object as last year's book.

I learn from a personal and absolutely reliable source, writes the Copenhagen correspondent of the "Daily News," that the explosion at the Russian ammunition factory at Orsha was caused by one of the head workers in the factory, who was a German. He left his house in the war factory, telling his housekeeper that if he had not returned within a certain time, he had been shown out of Russia, as most other Germans had been at that time. In that case she was told to call a fellow head worker by pushing a certain button. The man did not return, the woman pressed the button, and the explosion followed immediately.

Out of respect to the honour-laden crew of the sunken Japanese cruiser *Tsushima*, now lying at the bottom of the sea outside Kinkow Bay, it was decided not to hand her over to any scold but to blow her to pieces in order to get her out of the way, says the "Manchuria Daily News." The other side her blowing up arrived from the Navy Office recently, and the torpedo-boat *Hayabusa*, under Lieutenant Wakayama, went out to the scene of the shipwreck with a mine-lay. The hull etc. of the shipwrecked man-of-war was shattered to splinters. On the following day the mine and wireless telegraph office were also blown up and the task of disposing of the shipwreck was thus completed.

DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.

DIPHTHERIA is usually contracted when the child has a cold. The cold prepares the child's system for the reception and development of the diphtheria germs. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighbourhood children that have colds should be kept at home and not sent to school until recovered. Give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they will not have to remain at home long. It also cleans out the culture beds, which form in a child's throat when it has a cold, and minimizes the risk of contracting infectious diseases. For sale by all Chemists and Druggists.

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SPORTING.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

HONGKONG F. C. v. BAICHAH.
On the Club ground last evening Baichah lost to the Club by the only goal scored.

Cricket.

HONGKONG B. C. v. KOWLOON B.
The following will represent the Hongkong B. in this match on the Club ground on Saturday, play commencing at 2.15 p.m.—T. E. Pearce (Capt.) G. E. Aubrey, A. L. Gao, C. J. Hewitt, Capt. F. D. Matthews, Major R. H. Morgan, S. S. Moore, E. B. Reed, T. Syne Thomson, H. H. Taylor, and A. Whitmarsh.

LUNKONG AND AN EX-LUNKONG IN THE DOCK.

A lunkong and an ex-lunkong were charged before Mr. Lindell at the Police Court this morning with stealing and receiving a gold football badge valued at \$3.00, the property of Police-constable R. Swan. Mr. W. B. Hind appeared for the second defendant. Inspector MacDonald said the first defendant was arrested as he was pawing the badge, and said he received it from the second defendant. The latter admitted this, stating that he picked it up in Hollywood Road. Police-constable Swan said he had the badge on a black hair chain but when he was not wearing it he kept it in a drawer. He first missed it in August. He could not say it was actually attached to his watch chain in August. The next time he saw it was yesterday afternoon. A Chinese pawnbroker gave evidence of the badge being pawned in August by a Chinese constable who was in the dock. The case was adjourned to Wednesday.

THE PUBLIC GARDEN FETE.

The concerts given in the Public Gardens are improving with popularity and experience, and last night's event was the best of the series in some respects, particularly in the clearness, extent and variety of the illuminations and the general arrangements for the comfort of the numerous visitors. The fete, which was in aid of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, was attended by His Excellency and Lady May, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, the Chief Justice and Lady Eves Davies, the French Consul and Mlle. Liebert, the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G., and the Hon. Mr. Lun Chai and others.

The Police Reserve Orchestra (under Mr. Gonzalez) and the Band of the 74th Punjabis (Bandmaster Christian) were responsible for the greater part of the well-selected and well-executed programme, which the opening selections of incidental pieces, following one another in a pleasing variety, secured enthusiastic applause for two such contrasted items as the "Pink Lily" waltz song and "The Sunshine of Your Smile," both sung clearly and well, while Mr. H. E. Muriel, the gave the "Lullaby" from "The Frog Prince," given by local amateurs some time ago. Mr. Muriel was heard to great advantage also in "The Three Graces" and "The Devoted Lover," while Mr. A. J. Engle was equally successful in a fine rendering of "The Wild Winds that Blow," giving "Two Bad Grey Eyes." The accompanist was again Mr. Grey Grimbale.

THE PANAMA CANAL'S FIRST YEAR.

The first year of commercial operation of the Panama Canal was completed on August 14, having been inaugurated by the passage of the Ancon on August 15, 1914. During the year 1914, ocean-going vessels have traversed the Canal. This figure includes warships and yachts, as well as commercial vessels. Of the total passages, 861 have been from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and 656 from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The net tonnage of the 1,217 vessels, on the Panama Canal rating, was 4,396,677, and the gross tonnage 6,404,673. The average net tonnage was thus 3,490, and the average gross tonnage 4,891. The tolls earned during the year amounted in the aggregate to 5,216,149 dollars, but this figure includes 114,086 dollars levied on United States Government vessels which was not collected. In giving these figures the "Canal Record" points out that, during 1914, 4,862 ships, of a net tonnage of 19,409,495, passed through the Suez Canal. These figures showed a decrease of 282 ships and 624,380 tons, as compared with 1913. The decrease in commercial vessels was greater than this; but there was an increase of 501 warships and transports, having a tonnage of 2,918,187. The total receipts were 125,121,237 francs, showing a fall of 4,804,711 francs as compared with 1913. The average tonnage of the vessels was 3,940 in 1913, and 4,042 in 1914. Assuming that the Suez and Panama reckonings of net tonnage be taken as practically the same in the aggregate, it will be seen that about four and a half times as much tonnage went through the Suez Canal in 1914 as went through the Panama Canal in the first year of operation, while the number of passages through the Suez Canal was some three and two-fifths as many as through Panama. The total receipts at Suez, totaling 1 franc at 19.2 cents, were four and five-eighths times the amount of tolls earned at Panama. Engineering.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE WAR.

SERBIA'S STIRRING APPEAL TO ENGLAND.

AUSTRO-GERMANS AND BULGARIANS.

DIRECT COMMUNICATION ESTABLISHED.

MORE GERMAN TYRANNY IN BELGIUM.

(Reuters Service to the China Mail.)

SERBIA'S APPEAL TO ENGLAND.

London, Oct. 27.
The Serbian Premier has telegraphed to "Friend England": "Serbia is making superhuman efforts to defend her existence. For this the Austro-Germans and the Bulgarians have condemned her to death. Despite the heroism of our soldiers our resistance cannot be maintained indefinitely. We appeal to the friends of Serbia in England to do everything to ensure British troops reaching us as soon as possible."

THE SERBO-GREEK FRONTIER.

BRITISH AND FRENCH TROOPS CO-OPERATING.

London, Oct. 27.
In the House of Commons, Mr. H. J. Tennant, Under-Secretary for War, announced that the British troops are now co-operating with the French on the Serbo-Greek frontier.

WHAT THE BULGARIANS CLAIM.

Amsterdam, Oct. 27.
A telegram from Sofia states that a communique claims progress over the whole front without mentioning any point; and adds that the Bulgarians found much flour at Negotin, also winter clothing, four guns and six cases of ammunition. They also claim that there were only thirty prisoners, and state that the Albanian population has begun hostilities against the Serbians.

A GERMAN REPORT.

Amsterdam, Oct. 27.
A German communique claims that the Austro-German and Bulgarian patrols have established direct communication to the south of Orsova and across the critical north-east corner of Serbia, capturing twelve heavy guns on the Danube. It is also stated that the Germans have progressed in the Moravian valley and are approaching the mountains.

MORE GERMAN TYRANNY AT LIEGE.

Amsterdam, Oct. 27.
The newspaper *Tyd* states that there have been thirty-four more death sentences for alleged treason and espionage at Liege. The intervention of the Pope, President Wilson, and King Alfonso has been besought telegraphically.

LORD LANSDOWNE'S STATEMENT.

LONDON PRESS COMMENT.

London, Oct. 27.
The *Times* says that Lord Lansdowne's statement will come as a shock to the masses of the nation. The *Daily News* says that grave as the situation is, it is well to remember that the war will not be decided in the Balkans.

BRITISH CABINET RE-CONSTRUCTION PENDING.

London, Oct. 27.
The *Daily Chronicle* says there is reason to believe that Mr. Asquith is contemplating reducing the Cabinet to ten. Eight of those, says the journal, are certain to be Mr. Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Balfour, Lord Kitchener, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. McKenna, and Mr. Bonar Law.

IN MEMORY OF MISS CAVELL.

London, Oct. 27.
Queen Alexandra has paid a generous tribute to Miss Cavell. It was intended to name the new Nurse's Home connected with the London Hospital "Alexandra Home," but Queen Alexandra has intimated that she would prefer it to be named the "Edith Cavell Home." This name has been adopted.

Paris, Oct. 27.
The *Petit Parisien* suggests that a street be named after Miss Cavell.

THE PREMIER.

London, Oct. 27.
Mr. Lloyd George said that Mr. Asquith was completely restored to health, and that he will make his statement to Parliament on Nov. 2.

THE GERMAN DEFEAT AT "THE COURTINE."

Paris, Oct. 27, 4.25 p.m.
The only feature in the communique just issued is with reference to the defeat of the German attacks to the south of Loos against "The Courtine."

THE POPE'S SYMPATHY WITH POLAND.

Rome, Oct. 27.
The Pope has written to the Archbishop of Cracow sympathising with the misery of Poland, and has sent 250,000 crowns to alleviate the sufferings of the people. He suggested that a collection should be made in all Catholic churches throughout the world on Oct. 31.

GERMAN GUNS EXHIBITED IN LONDON.

London, Oct. 27.
Twenty-two German guns were exhibited to-day at the Home Guards and viewed by thousands. Nineteen were captured at Loos on September 25 and three at Le Quesnoy on August 28. They include three trench mortars, in the capture of which the 30th Garhwali Rifles participated.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

PARCEL MAIL.
 The Public are informed that the Christmas and New Year Parcel Mail to the United Kingdom will be closed in this Office at 5 p.m. on the 19th November. This Mail is due in London on the 25th December.
 The above date of departure is liable to alteration.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

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Inward Mails.

Manila, *Duigan Maru*, 20th Oct.
 America and London Mails, 23rd Oct., via *Siberia*, *Kiyo Maru*, 29th Oct.
 Europe (French Mail), *Polynesia*, 2nd Nov.
 Australia, *Aden Maru*, 7th Nov.
 Australia, *Changsha*, 7th Nov.
 Australia, *Tungo Maru*, 12th Nov.

Mails will close for—

STRAITS, CEYLON & INDIA Via BOMBAY.

Per *Indo Maru*, at 11 a.m., on Friday, the 29th Oct.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

Per *Indo Maru*, at noon, on Friday, the 29th Oct.

BAIGON.

Per *Indo Maru*, at 8 a.m., on Saturday, the 30th Oct.

MOJIBOW & HAIPHONG.

Per *Indo Maru*, at 9 a.m., on Saturday, the 30th Oct.

BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, SOERABAYA, MACASSAR, BALIK, PAPAN & PORT MORESBY (via BATAVIA).

Per *Indo Maru*, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, the 30th Oct.

STRAITS—BURMAH & INDIA Via CALCUTTA.

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STEAMERS EXPECTED.

Other Passes.

The *a.s. Japan* left Calcutta on the 20th October, and may be expected here on or about the 6th November.
 The Australian Oriental Line *a.s. Chongha* left Sydney for Hongkong via usual Australian Ports, Zamboanga and Manila on 13th October, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 7th November.
 The *C. P. R. Co.'s a.s. Montague* left Vancouver on Sunday, the 17th Oct., p.m., due to arrive at Hongkong at about Friday, the 12th Nov.

PASSENGERS EXPECTED.

Per *N. Y. K. s.s. Kamo Maru*, from London Sept. 23, Miss Hughes, Mrs. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Donnelly and 3 children, Miss M. Apple, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. L. Guy.
 Per *P. & O. s.s. Malacca*, from London Oct. 2, Miss H. Jacob, Mr. C. B. Buyers, Miss P. M. Cooper, Miss L. M. Jones.
 Per *N. Y. K. s.s. Kishima Maru*, from London Oct. 9, Mr. R. J. Birbeck, Mrs. David Wood, Mr. J. M. Williamson, Miss and Miss Fleming, Mr. F. E. Glasbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton, Rev. Cambie, Miss Johnson, Mrs. Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. Fries and 2 children, Miss Ewing, Miss Dykes, Miss Heyworth, Miss Fisk, Miss Thacker, Mr. L. R. Medham, Mr. F. Hicks, Mrs. A. J. Malcolm and 3 children, Mrs. Muirhead and infant.
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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the Nautical Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Folio Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1887-90.
 The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 8 inches below mean sea level.
 To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Water Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 8 inches to the height given in the table.

October 29th to November 4th, 1915.

HIGH WATER					LOW WATER					
Date	Day	Month	Hongkong		Height	Date	Day	Month	Hongkong	
			Mean	Time					Mean	Time
Jul.	29		No inflection		11.7	1	29		No inflection	
Aug.	31		No inflection		11.7	1	31		No inflection	
Sep.	1		No inflection		11.7	1	1		No inflection	
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